

insurance business. The net effect of revoking TIAA-CREF's tax exemption after seventy-five years would be to significantly reduce the earnings of current employee's retirement accumulation as well as the pension income of retired employees. By imposing this unprecedented tax, the House measure would not only undermine the recruitment and retention of men and women in teaching professions and assault the financial security of higher education employees' retirement, it would summarily undercut your efforts, Mr. President, to improve educational opportunities for all of America's youth. On behalf of the current and retired employees of New England's 260 tax-exempt colleges and universities, I urge you to use your special offices to guarantee the continuation of the tax exempt status of TIAA-CREF'S pension program.

In a similar contrast between the House and Senate tax bills, I urge you to use your good offices to retain Section 117(d) of the tax code so that graduate students engaged in teaching and research would continue to receive tuition waivers that would exclude this income from federal taxes. The tuition waiver for graduate teaching and research assistance is what makes graduate school a financially viable opportunity for many students. The effect of the House provision to transform this tuition assistance into taxable income will no doubt be to drive out of graduate school and away from careers in research and teaching many of our most promising young Americans, especially those of modest means and middle income families. The changes proposed in the House version of the tax bills would make graduate school unaffordable to millions of Americans throughout the next decade, require dramatic increases in college costs so that institutions might increase the pay to graduate teaching and research assistants, and cause dramatic cut-backs in America's university research programs precisely at the moment when the nation as a whole is attempting to become more competitive internationally. Mr. President, the House proposal runs contrary to the goals you have established for our nation and I urge you to oppose it and to support the Senate bill's retention of section 117(d) of the IRS tax code.

This same subsection also ensures that the children of employees of higher education institutions might also receive tuition waivers. This provision has allowed the children of faculty and staff—from the families of janitors, food service workers, administrative staff and modestly paid faculty—to live out their parents' dreams and attain a college education. Mr. President, please fight on behalf of these families' hopes and aspirations.

I want you to know, Mr. President, that I am a strong supporter of your efforts to save the HOPE Scholarship tax credit, to allow the interest on student loans to be tax deductible, and to permanently extend Section 127 of the tax code on employer provided education assistance not just to undergraduate students, but to graduate students as well, where it is most needed.

I assure you, Mr. President, that I will also convey these concerns directly to the House and Senate conferees, but it will need your leadership and commitment to ensure that our higher education community do not suffer under the terms of these congressional tax bills.

Thank you for your attention to these requests. I look forward to working with you on this fight for America's future.

Sincerely,

JAMES P. MCGOVERN,
Member of Congress.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. MANTON (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today before 1 p.m. on account of medical reasons.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DOYLE) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. ACKERMAN.
Mr. SANDERS.
Mr. MANTON.
Mr. KUCINICH.
Mr. EVANS.
Mr. MCGOVERN.
Mr. SKELTON.
Mr. VISCLOSKEY.
Mr. HILLIARD.
Mr. VENTO.
Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.
Mr. BARCIA.
Ms. HARMAN.
Mr. SMITH of Washington.
Mr. DAVIS of Florida.
Mr. KANJORSKI.
Mr. KILDEE.
Ms. WOOLSEY.
Mr. FILNER.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. ROYCE) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. SHUSTER.
Mr. LOBIONDO.
Mr. GILMAN.
Mr. PORTMAN.
Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania.
Mr. SOLOMON.
Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado.
Mr. EVERETT.
Mr. PORTER.
Mr. BEREUTER.
Mr. COLLINS.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 30 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until today, Friday, July 11, 1997, at 9:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4152. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tuberculosis in Cattle and Bison; State Designation; Hawaii [Docket No. 97-063-1] received July 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4153. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fenpropathrin;

Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300515; FRL-5731-3] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received July 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4154. A letter from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting the annual report on the Youth Conservation Corps program in the Department for Fiscal Year 1996, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1705; to the Committee on Agriculture.

4155. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the evaluation of TRICARE; to the Committee on National Security.

4156. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting notice of Final Funding Priorities for Fiscal Year 1997-1998 for a Rehabilitation Research and Training Center, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

4157. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's report on the Notice of Final Funding Priorities for Fiscal Years 1997-1998 for a Rehabilitation Research and Training Center, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

4158. A letter from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits [29 CFR Part 4044] received July 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

4159. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—OMB Approval Number under the Paperwork Reduction Act; National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutant Emissions: Group I Polymers and Resins; National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutant Emissions: Group IV Polymers and Resins [AD-FRL-5858-1] (RIN: 2060-AD-56 and RIN: 2060-AE-37) received July 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4160. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware—General Conformity Rule [DE030-1008a; FRL-5856-1] received July 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4161. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Land Disposal Restrictions Phase III—Emergency Extension of the K088 National Capacity Variance [EPA#-530-Z-96-P33F-FFFFF; FRL-5857-7] received July 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4162. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clean Air Act Approval and Promulgation of Revisions to the Mississippi State Implementation Plan (SIP) [MS21-1-9718a; MS22-1-9719a; FRL-5857-5] received July 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4163. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plan; Minnesota; Correction [MN43-02-7268; FRL-5855-8] received July 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4164. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State,

transmitting notification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for production of major military equipment with the United Kingdom (Transmittal No. DTC-73-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

4165. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially to Germany (Transmittal No. DTC-72-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

4166. A letter from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting a copy of a report entitled "Fiscal Year 1996 Annual Report on Advisory Neighborhood Commissions," pursuant to D.C. Code section 47-117(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4167. A letter from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting the Committee's final rule—Additions to and Deletions from the Procurement List [I.D. 97-013] received July 9, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4168. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska, Pacific Ocean Perch in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 961126334-7025-02; I.D. 070397A] received July 9, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4169. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Greenland Turbot in the Bering Sea Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands [Docket No. 961107312-7021-02; I.D. 070197C] received July 9, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4170. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Northern Rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 961126334-7025-02; I.D. 070397B] received July 9, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4171. A letter from the General Counsel, National Tropical Botanical Garden, transmitting the annual audit report of the National Tropical Botanical Garden, Calendar Year 1996, pursuant to Public Law 88-449, section 10(b) (78 Stat. 498); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4172. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Ayres Corporation S2R Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97-CE-44-AD; Amdt. 39-10071; AD 97-13-11] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received July 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4173. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company Model 172R Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97-CE-35-AD; Amdt. 39-10070; AD 97-12-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received July 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4174. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting

the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Industrie Aeronautique E Meccaniche Model Piaggio P-180 Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96-CE-62-AD; Amdt. 39-10072; AD 97-14-14] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received July 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4175. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Pilatus Britten-Norman Ltd. BN-2A and BN-2A Mk 111 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96-CE-24-AD; Amdt. 39-10058; AD 97-14-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received July 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4176. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medicare Program; Schedule of Limits on Home Health Agency Costs Per Visit for Cost Reporting Periods Beginning on or After July 1, 1997 (Health Care Financing Administration) [BPD-889-NC] (RIN: 0938-AH88) received June 30, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. CRANE (for himself and Mr. MATSUI):

H.R. 2132. A bill to extend nondiscriminatory treatment—most-favored-nation treatment—to the products of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 2133. A bill to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment—most-favored-nation treatment—to the products of Mongolia; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MCCOLLUM:

H.R. 2134. A bill to amend the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure with respect to bail bond forfeitures; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DOGGETT (for himself, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. CAPPS, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. KIND of Wisconsin, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. LUTHER, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. OLVER, Ms. PELOSI, and Ms. WOOLSEY):

H.R. 2135. A bill to make exports of tobacco products and the advertising of tobacco products abroad subject to the restrictions on labeling and advertising applicable to tobacco products in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committees on Commerce, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. GIBBONS):

H.R. 2136. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey, at fair market value, certain properties in Clark County, NV, to persons who purchased adjacent properties in good faith reliance on land surveys that were subsequently determined to be inaccurate; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 2137. A bill to require the review of all Federal departments and agencies and their

programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HEFLEY (for himself, Mr. PAS-TOR, and Mr. GALLEGLY):

H.R. 2138. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide for the use of biological monitoring and whole effluent toxicity tests in connection with publicly owned treatment works, municipal separate storm sewer systems, and municipal combined sewer overflows, including control facilities, and other wet weather control facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin:

H.R. 2139. A bill to amend the Dairy Production Stabilization Act of 1983 to ensure that all persons who benefit from the dairy promotion and research program contribute to the cost of the program; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. KLINK (for himself, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. MASCARA, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. HOLDEN, and Mr. COYNE):

H.R. 2140. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve accountability and reform certain programs; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. MCCOLLUM (for himself, Mr. SHAW, and Mr. SPENCE):

H.R. 2141. A bill to provide for a judicial remedy for U.S. persons injured as a result of violations by foreign states of their arbitral obligations under international law; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. McNULTY:

H.R. 2142. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend eligibility to receive dependency and indemnity compensation to veterans' surviving spouses whose subsequent marriages have terminated; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MILLER of California:

H.R. 2143. A bill to provide that certain escrowed oil and gas revenues be available for improving National Park System visitor facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mrs. MINK of Hawaii (for herself and Mr. ABERCROMBIE):

H.R. 2144. A bill to authorize appropriations for the expansion of the columbarium of the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. PICKERING:

H.R. 2145. A bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to make guaranteed farm ownership loans and guaranteed farm operating loans of up to \$600,000, and to increase such maximum loan amounts with inflation; to the Committee on Agriculture.

H.R. 2146. A bill to designate the U.S. Post Office building located at 750 Highway 28 East in Taylorsville, MS, as the "Blaine H. Eaton Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington (for herself, Mr. SANFORD, and Mr. WAMP):

H.R. 2147. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit the use of soft money by political parties and to require annual written authorization for the use of amounts withheld from an individual's wages or salary for political activities, and